

52.219-1 Small Business Program Representations.

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SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS (DEC 1996)

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(c) *Definitions. Joint venture*, for purposes of a small disadvantaged business (SDB) set-aside or price evaluation preference (as prescribed at 13 CFR 124.321), is a concern that is owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals entering into a joint venture agreement with one or more business concerns and is considered to be affiliated for size purposes with such other concern(s). The combined annual receipts or employees of the concerns entering into the joint venture must meet the applicable size standard corresponding to the SIC code designated for the contract. The majority of the venture's earnings must accrue directly to the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the SDB concern(s) in the joint venture. The percentage of the ownership involvement in a joint venture by disadvantaged individuals must be at least 51 percent.

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(End of provision)

52.219-11 [Amended]

12. Section 52.219-11 is amended by removing Alternate I.

52.219-12 [Amended]

13. Section 52.219-12 is amended by removing Alternate I.

14. Section 52.219-17 is amended by revising the clause date and by adding paragraphs (a)(5) and (c) to read as follows:

52.219-17 Section 8(a) Award.

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SECTION 8(a) AWARD (DEC 1996)

(a) * * *

(5) That the subcontractor awarded a subcontract hereunder shall have the right of appeal from decisions of the cognizant Contracting Officer under the "Disputes" clause of the subcontract.

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(c) The offeror/subcontractor agrees that it will not subcontract the performance of any of the requirements of this subcontract to any lower tier subcontractor without the prior written approval of the SBA and the cognizant Contracting Officer of the _____ [insert name of contracting agency].

(End of clause)

52.219-18 [Amended]

15. Section 52.219-18 is amended by removing Alternate II and by redesignating Alternate III as Alternate II.

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48 CFR Part 19

[FAC 90-43; FAR Case 96-328; Item VIII]

RIN 9000-AH40

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Extension of Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed on a final rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement Section 108 of the Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208, Division D). Section 108 extends the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program (15 U.S.C. 644 note) until September 30, 1997. This regulatory action was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993, and is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Victoria Moss at (202) 501-4764 in reference to this FAR case. For general information, contact the FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405 (202) 501-4755. Please cite FAC 90-43, FAR case 96-328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This final rule amends the FAR to extend the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program through September 30, 1997. The program consists of two major components: a test of unrestricted competition in four designated industry groups, and a test of enhanced small business participation in 10 agency targeted industry categories. The rule implements section 108, Title I (Amendments to Small Business Administration Act), of Public Law 104-208. Section 108 was effective upon enactment (September 30, 1996).

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comments is not required. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not

apply. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAC 90-43, FAR case 96-328), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or collections of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 19

Government procurement.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

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Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 19 is amended as set forth below:

PART 19—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 19 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

19.1001 [Amended]

2. Section 19.1001 is amended in the second sentence by revising the date "1996" to read "1997".

19.1006 [Amended]

3. Section 19.1006(b)(1) is amended by revising the date "1996" to read "1997".

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48 CFR Part 31

[FAC 90-43; FAR Case 92-613; Item IX]

RIN 9000-AG85

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Morale, Health, Welfare Costs/ Contractor Overhead Certification

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed on a final rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) cost principle for public relations and